

**Amendments to the Claims:**

Claims 1-80 (Canceled)

80. (Currently amended) A preform for a container comprised of orientable thermoplastic material and arranged so that the resultant blown container will include a handle or like support structure; said preform comprising a molded structure having a neck portion and an expandable portion below the neck, said neck including a locating ring above the expandable portion and a solid stem ~~or~~ of orientable thermoplastics materials projecting from the preform and molded integrally therewith which when the container is formed constitutes the handle, said perform further comprising a tag extending from a lower edge of said solid stem of said perform, the tag being integrally connected to the preform.
81. (Previously presented) The preform of Claim 80, where the preform is formed by an injection process including two separate, first and second, points of injection.
82. (Previously presented) The preform of Claim 81, wherein the first point of injection injects non-recycled PET or like thermoplastics material to form a portion of the preform.
83. (Currently amended) The ~~parison~~ preform of Claim 82, wherein the second point of injection injects PET or like thermoplastics material incorporating at least a portion of recycled material.
84. (Currently amended) The ~~parison~~ preform of Claim 81, wherein the first point of injection is for the formation of that part of the ~~parison~~ preform which will be stretched during a stretch blow moulding operation on the ~~parison~~ preform.
85. (Currently amended) The ~~parison~~ preform of Claim 84, wherein said second point of injection is for the formation of those parts of said ~~parison~~ preform which will remain unexpanded or substantially unexpanded in a stretch blow moulding operation on said ~~parison~~ preform.
86. (Currently amended) The ~~parison~~ preform of Claim 80, wherein the preform includes more than one wall profile.

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87. (Currently amended) The ~~parison~~ preform of Claim 80, wherein ~~the~~ said preform has a first wall profile closest to its neck followed by a second wall profile immediately there below and separated therefrom by a first transition zone.
88. (Currently amended) The ~~parison~~ preform of Claim 80, wherein ~~the~~ said preform has a first wall profile closest to its neck followed by a second wall profile immediately there below and separated therefrom by a first transition zone, and further wherein the said preform further includes a third wall profile immediately below said second wall profile and separated therefrom by a second transition zone.

Claims 89-100 (Canceled)

101. (New) A container formed from the preform of Claim 80.